

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS CIRCULAR MARCH / APRIL 1974

MARCH 15-17

WELSH HUT

C. HOBDAY

Owing to a mix up on my part the date of the meet has been moved forward one week from the date on the meets card. Now that the hut has a 4 star rating, and it is also possible that it will appear in the good food guide (as soon as Digger improves on his soup) there is expected to be quite a rush on bookings. Offers of lifts etc. to be arranged in The Moon the Tuesday before or Telephone Nottingham 701421 ext. 36. P.S. There is some good climbing and walking in the area so do come and support your hut.

APRIL 12-15 (EASTER)

PEMBROKE

G. GADSBY

After a lapse of over 4 years this meet returns to the Oread calendar. It is proposed to camp at Mr. James Farn, Upper Porthmawr, Whitesands Bay, St. David's. For any members requiring more comfortable quarters, caravans can be hired from the above address or nearby. Due to the early distribution of this circular it is not possible to be sure which field Mr James will want us to camp in, but it is will be either the field on the corner of the last lane on the right before the beach, or the field above it (not the field with caravans) Access to this upper field is obtained by driving up the lane, fork right and the entrance is sharp right. Will the first arrival please check with Mr. James at the farm above the field.

To the forty odd members on the last Oread meet here the delights of Pembrokeshire need no introduction. For prospective members and others who may be paying a first visit, this is an ideal place for a family meet with sea cliff climbing, long coastal walks, swimming and surfing. The beaches are magnificent especially Marlowe Sands, Newgales and Whitesands. It is hoped to get permission for a day's climbing on Ramsey Island's 400' cliffs where Oread members made a number of first ascents on their last visit. For climbers and walkers this island is a gem. If enough members are interested, I will charter Mr. Dave Chant's boat (possible price about £1 per head) depending on numbers. It would be appreciated if anyone wishing to go on this trip would let me know as soon as possible either by post or in The Moon.

On the mainland the nearest climbing is on Red Cliff (25 min. walk from the campsite) - practise your abeils before you come. There are climbs here on good rock from Diff. to V.S. about 250'. Further along the coast more magnificent cliffs (and harder) abound and I can personally vouch for the delectable 420' classic VS 'Reptillian' (I had a good leader!) Details of this and other routes can be found in New Climbs 1967 and 1968. Also in John Cleare's new book 'Sea Cliff Climbing' For wet days (who said that!) the area abounds with pubs, castles, fishing villages and the striking cathedral with its Bishop's Palace. It is also possible to visit The Bird Island of Skomer in St Brides Bay, weather permitting. If you are still feeling fit after a day's climbing, walking or festering beach football will also be arranged, before visiting one of the many excellent pubs (ask Fred Allen- about the pubs, I mean) Anyone who would like more information on the climbing etc. see me at The Moon, or ask Nat what it is that draws him every year to Pembrokeshire. I don't know what Nat will answer, but for me, Like Skye, it's got a kind of magic!

APRIL 21 RAINSTER ROCKS (BRASSINGTON) P. GARDINER

A nostalgic occasion this, the TWENTY FIFTH anniversary of the inaugural meet at Brassington. A venerable founder member will be present to dole out sippers, the crag will be beaten to death using all our vast experience, and a call celebration will afterwards take place in the Gate Inn. Owing to the delicate constitution of the elder gentlemen, and the likely inclement weather, the meet will be Sunday only. (Radcliffe may like to express his disapproval by streaking through the dew pond at the foot of the hill!)

APRIL 26-28 WELBOURN'S WANDER J. WELBOURN

Although he was prepared to admit that the event would take place on the advertised date, "kindling" John, when questioned at the A.G.M., stated that the venue for this annual walk was still under consideration and would be revealed in another fortnight. Later, from the floor, Ruth stated that they were dependent upon punctual meets circulars, isolated as they were in the wild border country. Accordingly, a special edition will be prepared when the details of the extravaganza are revealed. In the meantime, intending wanderers could telephone Bangor 438 for the latest gen.

ALPINE MEET

A meeting will be held at 9 Croft End, Little Eaton, Derby (R. Chambers' pad) on the evening of March 18th to discuss the Alpine meet. It is hoped that everyone interested in going to the Alps this summer, whether they have made definite plans or not, will attend.

WELSH HUT BOOKINGS

March 22 -23 17 beds
May 10 - 11 12 beds

C. Russell
(Meets sec)